

U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop will announce the winner of the annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students in Georgia's Second District on Friday (5/9) at a 10:00 a.m. ceremony at the Second District Office in Albany, located at Albany Towers, Suite 114, 235 Roosevelt Avenue.

This is the human interest value: the winning entry will be flown to Washington, D.C. where, along with the winning entries from other Congressional Districts around the country, it will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol for one year-seen by hundreds of thousands of visitors.

The media is invited, and the Albany Office staff will be available to arrange any photo opportunities or interviews.

The winning student is scheduled to attend, along with some of the other participating students and teachers. The winning art work will be on display, along with the runners up and the rest of the more than 100 student art works that were submitted for this year's competition. High schools from around the Second District, which includes all or part of 27 counties, participated.

With Congress scheduled to be in session to deal with economic stimulus legislation on Friday, Congressman Bishop will make the announcement via video conferencing from Washington.

All of the art work entered in the competition will be on exhibit at the Albany Office, open to the public, on Friday and throughout the following week. The winning entry then goes to Washington, where the national exhibit of young artists officially opens on June 24.

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